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AMENDMENT

I. INTRODUCTION

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 19, 2006 (Paper No./Mail Date 20061003) in regard to the above-identified patent application. Reconsideration of the rejection of the claims is respectfully solicited in light of the following amendment and remarks.

Please amend the Application as follows: